

Applicants are submitting only the amendment to the specification that was previously deemed deficient.

Applicants believe that all amendments to the specification are in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, and respectfully request entry of these amendments as well as entry of the other amendments set forth in the Amendment filed October 9, 2002.

A Supplementary Amendment is being filed concurrently herewith.

In the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraph that bridges pages 16 and 17 (*i.e.*, from page 16, line 11 to page 17, line 4) with the following re-written paragraph:

- Example 1: Generation of dual inhibitor expression cassettes

Fusion proteins containing both the Oc- IΔD86 and CpTI coding regions separated by a linker sequence is generated by a two-step PCR procedure. The Oc- IΔD86 coding region is PCR amplified from a pre-existing construct (Urwin et al, Plant J 8: 121-131, 1995) using oligonucleotide primer P1 (5'-ATGTCGAGCGACGGACGGCCGGTGCTTGGC-3'; SEQ ID NO: 3), corresponding to the 5' end of the coding region, and a second primer P2 (5'-GATCTCGCCGGACCGACGCCAAGAACTACGGCATTGCACTGGCATC-3'; SEQ ID NO: 4), complementary to the 3' end of the Oc-IΔD86 coding region and to the 5' portion of the underlined protease cleavable linker sequence obtainable from the plant metallothionein-like PsMTa gene sequence (Evans et al, FEBS 262: 29-32, 1990). Similarly the CpTI gene of the binary vector pROK/CpTI+5 containing the CpTI cDNA under the control of the CaMV 35S promoter (Hilder et al, Nature 330: 160-163, 1987) is amplified with primer P3 (5'-GTCGGTCCGGCGAAGATCCAGTTGAAGGTAGTAATCATCATGATGAC-3'; SEQ ID NO: 5) designed to encode the 3' portion of the underlined protease cleavable